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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. M. CHE et al., "Nature of Paramagnetic Species Produced by Oxygen Treatment of Titanium Dioxide", *Chemical Physics Letters*, Vol. 8, No. 1, January 1, 1971, pp. 45-48.
2. H. NODA et al., "Preparation of Titanium (IV) Oxides and Its Characterization", *The Chemical Society of Japan*, No. 8, March 8, 1986, pp. 1084-1090 with complete English translation. Therefore no concise explanation for such foreign language document is required.
3. JP-A-9-71418 to Saga Pref. Gov., published March 18, 1997, with English Abstract.
4. U.S. Patent No. 6,429,169 B1, issued August 6, 2002 jto Ichinose.

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5. U.S. Patent No. 6,107,241, issued August 22, 2000 to Ogata et al.
6. European Patent Application No. 1 254 863 A1, published November 6, 2002 to Ecodevice Laboratory Co., Ltd.
7. European Patent Application No. 1 205 244 A1, published May 15, 2002 to Kabushiki Kaisha Toyota Chuo Kenkyusho.
8. JP-A-2001-246247, published September 11, 2001 to Mitsubishi Heavy Ind., Ltd.
9. JP-A-2001-294425, published October 23, 2001 to Tayca Corp.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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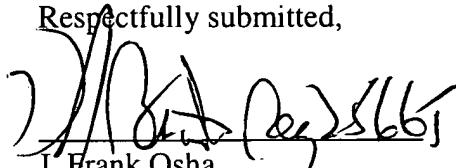
In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant relies on the English Abstracts as the brief statements of relevance for the Japanese language patents.

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